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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 5, 2003, the Office has required a restriction between the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-4 drawn to an apparatus for accessing a database to retrieve at least one element in the memory resident data model; and

II. Claims 5-7 drawn to a method for initiating a software application for loading a design file using a parser.

Applicant hereby elects the invention in Group I including claims 1-4, without traverse. This election is made without prejudice, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims 5-7 drawn to the method in a later divisional application.

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The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to deposit account number 04-0932 (Reference Number 10821/51085).

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